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ANGOLA AND THE O-A. U.

ANNCR: VOA NEWS ANALYST RONALD J. DUNLAVEY DISCUSSES DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA:

VOICE: ACCORDING TO MOST PRESS REPORTS WEDNESDAY, THE SOVIET-BACKED M.P.L.A. FACTION IN ANGOLA HAS SCORED SOME IMPORTANT MILINARY GAINS. BUT IT IS BECOMING APPARENT THAT THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN ANGOLA MAY BE AFFECTED LESS BY MILITARY MANEUVERS THAN BY THE MEETING-- WHICH OPENS THURSDAY-- OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. THE O.A.U.-- WHICH CALLED THIS EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT MEETING BECAUSE OF CONCERN ABOUT ANGOLA-- IS OBVIOUSLY GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE SOME BASIC DECISIONS WHICH WILL BE CLOSELY STUDIED NOT ONLY IN AFRICA BUT ALSO IN CONCERNED CAPITALS AROUND THE WORLD.

THE O.A.U. WILL BE CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH THE MATTER OF INTERVENTION-- INCLUDING EXTRA -CONTINENTAL INTERVENTION-- IN THE AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN STATES. AND OBSERVERS WITL BE WATCHING TO SEE WHETHER THE MEETING WILL REFLECT A CONSISTENT POSITION ON THIS MATTER, WHICH IS OF PROFOUND IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE OF AFRICA. CONSISTENCY WOULD SEEM TO CALL FOR A CLEAR CONDEMNATION OF ALL FORMS OF INTERVENTION, FROM WHATEVER SOURCE-- CUBA, SOUTH AFRICA, THE SOVIET UNION, THE UNITED STATES OR ANY PLACE ELSE. AS SEEN BY MOST OBSERVERS, THIS WOULD NOT ONLY HELP RESOLVE THE PRESENT SITUATION IN ANGOLA BUT WOULD ALSO ESTABLISH A STRONG HANDS--OFF DOCTRINE WHICH CAN STAND AS A POINT OF REFERENCE IN FUTURE SITUATIONS OF THIS KIND. OTHERWISE, THEY ARGUE, THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO ALL KINDS OF INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE NEW AND DEVELOPING AFRICAN STATES.

THERE'S SPECULATION THAT THE MEETING WILL ALSO MAKE AN EFFORT TO END THE CIVIL WAR IN ANGOLA, POSSIBLY BY CALLING

FOR A COALITION GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL THE MAIN POLITICAL GROUPS. THIS, TOO, WOULD SEEM A LOGICAL STEP TO TAKE, BUT IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE O.A.U. MEETING WOULD ENDORSE THE M.P.L.A., WHICH HAS THE BACKING OF NUMEROUS AFRICAN STATES, INCLUDING NIGERIA, WHOSE INFLUENCE IS CONSIDERABLE.

WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE, ITS PROCEEDINGS WILL BE CLOSELY OBSERVED. AN AFRICAN SOLUTION IS CLEARLY REQUIRED FOR AN AFRICAN PROBLEM, AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IS IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THAT SOLUTION.

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